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Dr. Josef Wirth, head of the Deutsche Sammlung, made a detailed report on his trip to France for Otto Grotewohl. This report, part of which has appeared in the newspapers, optimistically indicated that large political, religious and intellectual groups in France consider the Deutsche Sammlung, led by Wirth and Elfes, the organization for action against the ratification of the contractual agreements. Wirth also reported to Semeonov concerning his trip. It appears that while in Paris Wirth contacted the former political advisor in Berlin, Noel. 1/

1/ Field Comment. Source probably means de Noblet instead of Noel.

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"Deutsche Sammlung"

Dr. [redacted] Josef Wirth hat bei Grotewohl einen umfassenden Bericht ueber seine Frankreich-Reise abgeliefert. Dieser Bericht, dessen oeffentliche Teile durch Zeitungsnotizen bekannt sind, haben ein optimistisches Bild darueber entwickelt, dass grosse politische, kirchliche und intellektuelle Gruppen in Frankreich die unter Wirth und Elfes firmierende "Deutsche Sammlung" als Aktionsorgan gegen das Wirksam-Werden der West-Vertraege betrachten.

Wirth hat ueber seine Frankreich-Reise auch Semjonow Bericht erstattet. Es scheint sich zu bestaetigen, dass Wirth in Paris auch Fuehlung mit dem ehemaligen politischen Berater Noel in Berlin gehabt hat; denn im Gespraech mit Semjonow ist nach meinen Informationen auch darueber gesprochen worden.

Ueber die Besprechungen, die Wirth in diesen Tagen hier mit sowjetischen und deutschen Stellen gehabt hat und noch haben wird - und ueber die speziell franzoesisch-sowjetischen Kontakte darin hoffe ich noch Naeheres berichten zu koennen.

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